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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: USAC denial reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

To Whom It May Concern:

Our school is asking for help in this matter, I failed to file the correct application on time and through my mistake our students will suffer without you assistance. Please help us to provide the education needed for our students. Please review the attachments to this correspondence. If you have any further questions please contact me through one of the means listed below.

White Oak Public Schools
Attn: David Money
27355 S. 4340 Rd.
Vinita, OK 74301
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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Waiver Request

September 8, 2002

David Money
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Vinita, OK 74301

Re: Your Request for Waiver of Application Window For Program Year 5 2002-2003

Application Number: 325534

Date Request Received: August 30, 2002

The Schools and Libraries Division received your request, cited above, for a waiver of the application window deadline for the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism (E-Rate).

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules do not permit the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) to consider your request. Therefore, your request for a waiver of the application window deadline may not be considered by SLD. If you wish to appeal this decision, you may submit an appeal, via the United States Postal Service, to the FCC at the following address:

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If you are submitting your appeal to the FCC by means other than the United States Postal Service, check the SLD web site for more information. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. The FCC must **RECEIVE your appeal WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER for your appeal to be considered filed in a timely fashion.** Further information and new options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site, www.sl.universalservice.org or by contacting the Client Service Bureau at 1-(888)-203-8100.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

August 29, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I took over the job of filing for E-rate reimbursement last fall completely lacking in any knowledge of how the program operated. In filing for reimbursement for year four I had to rely on the advice of others while still trying to juggle the other responsibilities I have at our small rural school. We did not receive notification of funding for year four until late November of 2001, which mistakenly led me to believe I had extra time to file for year five funding. It is solely my fault for not taking the time to fully read all of the instructions to know when the deadline was. After finding out that I had missed the filing deadline I checked the website and determined from the information presented that there was no hope in filing an appeal simply for filing late.

This week I spoke with a very nice young lady from your department who urged me to file an appeal to still try to receive funding for year five. White Oak is a small rural school district of about 200 students Pre-K-12. White Oak received a grant from Southwestern Bell and the Oklahoma State Department of Education for H.323 equipment to facilitate long distance learning classes for our school. Last year we arranged classes with two other high schools in northeastern Oklahoma utilizing the equipment to satisfy our foreign language requirement for the school, as we could not afford the salary for our own foreign language instructor.

We have the classes in place for this year and still have a credit with Southwestern Bell for the T1 line service but that will quickly run out. If we lose funding for year five this means we will have to discontinue the T1 line service which will mean we will also lose our long distance learning classes. The Oklahoma State Department of Education has cut funding across the board to all districts in the state repeatedly since April; we do not expect the funding situation to change or expect any other assistance from other sources.

What I am asking for in this appeal is to please not punish the students of this small district because of my ignorance in not reading the instructions on when to file on time. Please consider at least partial funding to keep the service we have for the T1 lines. If I can be of further assistance in this process or need to clarify anything please contact me, I will do whatever I can to rectify my mistake.

Thank you for your valuable time,

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